THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), as the apex body for regulation of Cricket at national level, is responsible for selection of national team. Government has not received any complaint regarding the selection of the national Cricket team.

(b) and (c) BCCI does not get any financial assistance from the Government. Recognized National Sports Federations receive assistance under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations as per their categorization, which is based on the performance of national teams in various sports disciplines and the popularity of games. Sports disciplines are categorized as 'Priority', 'General' and 'Others'. However, Cricket is categorized under 'Others' category, as they do not seek government assistance.

Synthetic tracks/playing fields in Tamil Nadu

3233. SHRI S.ANBALAGAN : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether synthetic athletic tracks/playing fields are proposed to be laid in every district of Tamil Nadu with Central assistance;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time-frame thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Additional accommodation for Commonwealth Games

†3234. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government's preparedness for providing additional rooms during Commonwealth Games has got a setback from hoteliers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is planning to take any immediate step so as to ensure the availability of required number of rooms during Commonwealth Games; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) to (d) Government of India has assessed that approx. 40,000 rooms under various categories in the Delhi National Capital Region (NCR) would be required to meet the demand of the Commonwealth Games, 2010.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

In order to address the shortage of hotel rooms in Delhi NCR for the Games, hotel projects are being implemented by various agencies in National Capital Territory of Delhi and States of Haryana and Uttar Pradesh which are being monitored regularly by the Ministry of Tourism through the 'Task Force' set up for this purpose. In order to meet the assessed room requirement, in addition to the hotel rooms, it is also proposed to utilize accommodation of 'Bed & Breakfast' establishments, Licensed 'Guest Houses' and Housing Flats of Delhi Development Authority (DDA) at Vasant Kunj which would be furnished and operated by India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC).

Money spent on baton handing over ceremony

3235. SHRI N.K. SINGH:
SHRI NARESH GUJRAL:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of money that was spent by Government of India/ Commonwealth Games Organising Committee for baton handing over ceremony which was recently held in London; and

(b) the number of officials (non-sportsmen) who travelled to UK on Government's expenses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) An amount of Rs.5.74 crore has been spent as on 9th December, 2009 by the Organising Committee, Commonwealth Games Delhi 2010 for Baton handing over ceremony at London.

(b) Two Government of India officials attended the event at Government's expense from the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.

Satisfaction of Government with regard to works related to Commonwealth Games

3236. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government is satisfied with the progress of various development schemes/programmes mainly related with sports infrastructure works connected with Commonwealth Games to be held in Delhi in 2010;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any targets have been set for completion of these projects; and

(d) if so, performance in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) and (b) The work on all the Competition Venues is progressing at a rapid pace. Recovery Plans have been worked out, wherever required, which inter-alia, includes increase in the number of Supervisory Staff & Labour, increase in working hours, deployment of additional machinery, close monitoring and procurement of critical & special items to complete the work within the revised targets.